WHEREAS, THE GREEK NATION celebrates the 153rd anniversary of their independence on March 25th in the year 1974; and,

WHEREAS, THE GREEK NATION was enslaved during four centuries following the fall of the Byzantine Empire until the Greek Revolution of 1821 and liberty and democracy were in a state of suppression throughout Europe; and,

WHEREAS, THE GREEK NATION gained the devotion, sympathy and respect of the world in her heroic and sacred cause for freedom against the Ottoman Empire, finally achieving independence; and,

WHEREAS, THE GREEK NATION was again forced to struggle for freedom when in the year 1940 Greece was attacked by Italy and in 1941 by Germany; and,

WHEREAS, ANCIENT GREECE has made a lasting contribution to our philosophy, architecture, physics, astrology, drama, literature, and lives and is recognized as the Mother of Democracy, our indebtedness to the Glory that is Greece is unending:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, join with the people of South Dakota in saluting you on your celebration of

GREEK NATIONAL FREEDOM

The Greek struggle produced moral effects which influence our lives in America today, and our people owe much to the heritage of your valiant nation. We rejoice with you!

ZEETO EE ELLAS !

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 23rd day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Four

Richard F Kneip

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Jean Johnson, Asst.

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

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